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Applicant: Caput et al.

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Art Unit 1814

Filed: April 25, 1991

For: URATE OXIDASE ACTIVITY PROTEIN, RECOMBINANT GENE  
CODING THEREFOR, EXPRESSION VECTOR, MICROORGANISMS  
AND TRANSFORMED CELLS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application,  
the PTO is requested to make the following revisions:

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title to read -- URATE OXIDASE ACTIVE  
PROTEIN --.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 8-<sup>26 N.E.</sup>~~32~~.

Please amend the claims listed below:

3.(Amended) A protein according to claim 1 or 2, which  
presents, by analysis on a bidimensional Laemmli/SDS-Agarose  
gel, a spot of molecular mass of about 33.5 kDa and an  
isoelectric point around 8.0, representing at least 90% of the  
protein mass.

6.(Amended) A protein according to anyone of claims 1 to  
4, which carries a blocking group on the amino-terminal serine  
[having preferably a molecular mass around 43 units of atomic  
mass]